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1. USSN 09/271,866, which corresponds to Australian Patent Application No. 14278/99, was filed in the U.S. on March 18, 1999, entitled "Phase Shifter Arrangement", by Gang Xu.

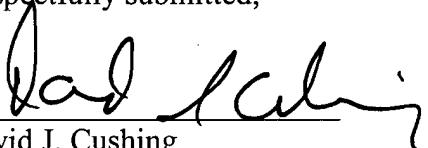
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